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Bear & Mountain Lion Sightings

January 2005

Black Bears

- Mile 6.5 on the road to Rio Grande Village 2nd, 10 am

Mountain Lions

- Boulder Meadow campsite #5 1st, 6 pm
- Maverick Road, just north of Chimneys West campsite 3rd, 4:15 pm
- Ross Maxwell Drive between Sotol Vista & Mule Ears 4th, 4 pm
- Lost Mine Trail, on hill above trail 12th, 10:30 am
- Maverick Road, 5 miles from north end 15th, 6:50 pm
- Road to Boquillas Canyon, west of Barker House 19th, 3 pm
- Basin Loop Trail below cottage #103 24th, 7:30 pm
- Maverick Road, west of Alamo Creek 29th, 2 pm
- Mile 6 on the road to Rio Grande Village 30th, 5:20 pm



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February 2005

Black Bears

- Hot Springs parking lot area 15th

Mountain Lions

- Pinnacles Trail, between stone cottages and Juniper Flat 2nd, 10 am
- Window Trail near junction with campground spur 3rd, 8:20 am
- Rio Grande Village boat launch 3rd, noon
- On road 12 miles west of Panther Junction 5th, 10:30 pm
- Basin Road at stone culvert 6th, 8:30 pm
- Rio Grande Village, near full hook-up campground 7th, 5:30 pm
- Basin Road near mile 4.5 8th, 7:30 pm
- Lost Mine Trail 10th, 5 pm
- On road 1 mile south of Dugout Wells 13th, 6:30 pm
- On road 2.25 miles north of Panther Junction 19th, 8:23 am
- Road to Santa Elena Canyon, 2 miles from canyon 21st, 6:15 pm
- Pinnacles Trail about 30 minutes up 25th, 9:15 am
- Government Springs campsite 28th, 7 pm
- Near Lodge Unit A & Window View Trail 28th, 7:45 pm



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March 2005

Black Bears

- 2 bears at Homer Wilson Ranch 3rd, 9:30 am

Mountain Lions

- Laguna Meadow Trail, 1/2 mile up 7th, 9 am
- Lost Mine Trail 8th, 2:30 pm
- Near north park entrance 10th, 9:30 pm
- On road about 4-5 miles west of Panther Junction 11th, 8:34 pm
- Ross Maxwell Scenic Drive around mile 7 14th, 9:30 pm
- Old Ore Road 17th, noonish
- Cub on road 14 miles west of Panther Junction 17th, 12:30 am
- On road between Dagger Flat and 9-Point Draw 17th, 10 am
- Laguna Meadow Trail in switchbacks 24th, 4 pm
- On road 20 miles west of Panther Junction 24th, 6:45 pm
- 2 mountain lions at campsite NE1 26th, 1:10 am
- On road 2 miles from Santa Elena Canyon overlook 27th, 11 am
- Basin Road around mile 5-6 29th, 11 pm



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April 2005

Black Bears

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| • Basin Road in Green Gulch area | 1 st , 6:30 pm |
| • Basin Road, mile 5-6 | 3 rd , dawn |
| • On road 14 miles north of Panther Junction | 4 th , 9 am |
| • Lost Mine Trail between markers 5-6 | 5 th , 9:50 am |
| • Boot Canyon at junction with Juniper Canyon Trail | 8 th , 8 am |
| • On main road just west of Grapevine Hills Road junction | 11 th , 8:30 pm |
| • At river at Santa Elena Canyon take-out | 12 th , 9:30 am |
| • Just west of Grapevine Hills Road | 13 th , 7 am |
| • Boot Canyon Trail near Emory Peak | 13 th , 12:30 pm |
| • Basin Road, near fire danger sign | 19 th , 3:45 pm |
| • Blue Creek Trail near old ranch | 30 th , 11 am |

Mountain Lions

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|---|----------------------------|
| • Grapevine Hills Road, just past Gov. Springs campsite | 2 nd , 4:30 pm |
| • On road near Fossil Bone Exhibit | 4 th , 10:20 pm |
| • Near Blue Creek Trail | 7 th , 3:30 pm |
| • Tornillo Creek, 3 miles west of Roys Peak campsite | 16 th , 2 pm |
| • Lost Mine Trail between markers 16-17 | 21 st , 8:50 am |
| • Basin Road, 200 yards below bear/lion sign | 21 st , 9:37 pm |
| • Road to Lodge cottages, 150 feet off road | 26 th , 7:30 pm |
| • Basin Road near Lost Mine trailhead | 28 th , 11 pm |



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May 2005

Black Bears

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| • Boot Canyon Trail, north of Colima Trail Junction | 1 st , 9:15 am |
| • Basin Road near tree exhibit (around mile 4) | 3 rd , 9:15 am & 10:30 am |
| • Basin Road between mile 3-4 | 4 th , 8:05 am |
| • Road to Rio Grande Village near River Road East junction | 6 th , 7:20 am |
| • Basin Road between mile 2-3 | 7 th , 11 am |
| • On road 3 miles east of Panther Junction | 7 th , noon |
| • Pulliam Ridge, seen from Basin Campground | 7 th , 4 pm |
| • On ridge west of Basin Road, seen at mile 4 | 17 th , 6 pm |
| • On road 2 miles west of Panther Junction | 18 th , 8:30 am |
| • Laguna West campsite #1 | 19 th , 4:30 pm |
| • Boot Canyon near spring | 21 st , 6 pm |
| • Basin Road about 1/4 mile north of yellow bear sign | 23 rd , 9:40 pm |
| • Near yellow bear sign on Basin Road | 30 th , 3 pm |
| • Lost Mine Trail between markers 12-13 | 31 st , 10:30 am |

Mountain Lions

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|---|-----------------------------|
| • On road between Panther Junction and Rio Grande Village | 6 th , 6:30 am |
| • Laguna Meadow Trail, just below Basin Loop junction | 8 th , 4 pm |
| • Basin Road just above mile 1 | 9 th , 8:45 pm |
| • Juniper Canyon Road | 11 th , 10:40 am |
| • Lower Burro Mesa pour-off | 12 th , 2:30 pm |
| • Road to Basin Campground | 13 th , 9:30 pm |
| • Basin Road, mile 3 | 14 th , 10:30 pm |
| • Basin Road in the switchbacks | 14 th , 10:35 pm |
| • 100 yards north of Lost Mine trailhead | 19 th , 5:10 pm |
| • Grapevine Hills road, 3 miles in | 21 st , am |



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June 2005

Black Bears

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| • Pinnacles Trail, 1 ½ mile up | 3 rd , 9 am |
| • Crossing Basin Road around mile 3-5 | 3 rd , 9:30 am |
| • Lost Mine Trail, on a ridge | 3 rd , 10 am |
| • Basin Road near mile #3 | 3 rd , 7:45 pm |
| • Pinnacles Trail near campsite BM5 | 6 th , 5:45 pm |
| • Basin Road around mile 3-5 | 7 th , 8:15 pm |
| • Emory Peak Trail | 9 th , 1 pm |
| • Basin Road near Fire Danger sign | 17 th |
| • Emory Peak Trail | 18 th , 10:30 am |
| • Near Colima Trail | 18 th , 10:30 am |
| • Below SW Rim | 18 th , 12:30 pm |
| • Slope of Pulliam Ridge, seen from Basin Rd | 19 th , 6:30 pm |
| • Seen in desert from Basin Rd, mile 1 | 19 th , 6:45 pm |
| • Basin Rd, mile 3 | 20 th , 7 pm |
| • Pinnacles Trail in pinnacles area | 21 st , 11 am |
| • Basin Rd, mile 5 | 22 nd , 8:25 am |
| • Crossed road near Lost Mine Trailhead | 22 nd , 10:45 am |
| • Basin Rd near mile 4 | 22 nd , 7 pm |
| • Sow & cub on Basin Rd near yellow bear sign | 23 rd , 6:45 am |
| • Laguna Meadow Trail near Colima junction | 23 rd , 9:30 am |
| • End of Dagger Flat Rd | 23 rd , 11 am |
| • Boot Canyon | 25 th , 11:15 am |
| • On peak; seen from Window View Trail | 28 th , 9:15 pm |
| • Basin Rd, mile 4 | 30 th , 5:45 am |

Mountain Lions

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|---|----------------------------|
| • Basin Rd, just past Lost Mine Trail | 7 th , 11 pm |
| • Glenn Springs Rd, ½ mile S of Rice Tank | 24 th , 9:30 am |
| • On road 3 miles N of Panther Junction | 28 th , 9:54 pm |
| • Croton Springs Rd | 29 th , 8 pm |



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July 2005

Black Bears

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| • Basin Road near Lost Mine Trailhead | 2 nd , 5:15 pm |
| • Basin Road just west of Lost Mine Trail | 2 nd , 8 pm |
| • Basin Road, mile 5 | 3 rd , 10:50 am |
| • Window Trail | 3 rd , 11 am |
| • Basin Road near Lost Mine Trailhead | 4 th , 10 am |
| • Basin Road in switchbacks | 4 th , 11:10 am |
| • Basin Road, mile 3.5 | 5 th , 10:30 |
| • Basin Road, between mile 1-3 | 7 th , noon |
| • Basin Road, mile 4 | 7 th , 1 pm |
| • Mule Ears Overlook | 7 th , 1:30 pm |
| • Lost Mine Trail near marker #16 | 12 th , 3 pm |
| • Pine Canyon Trail, on sloop above trail | 12 th , 6:50 pm |
| • In rocky area along Lost Mine Trail | 16 th , 3 pm |
| • Basin Road in switchbacks west of Lost Mine Tr. (2 juveniles) | 18 th , 11:15 am |
| • Window Trail near upper bench | 24 th , 3:30 pm |
| • Window Trail near Oak Spring jct. | 26 th , 12:30 pm |

Mountain Lions

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|---|-----------------------------|
| • Near parking lot behind Chisos Mtns Lodge; | 18 th , 8:40 pm |
| • Tornillo Creek/Rio Grande confluence; | 19 th , 5:50 pm |
| • Mile 20 near west park entrance; | 21 st , 11:40 am |
| • Between mile 5-6 on road to Santa Elena Cyn., near put-in | 21 st , noon |



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August 2005

Black Bears

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| • Window Trail, 1/2 way down | 6 th , 12:30 pm |
| • Pine Canyon Trail | 6 th , 3:30 pm |
| • Window Trail at the Oak Spring Trail junction | 11 th , 4:30 pm |
| • Emory Peak | 12 th , 1 pm |
| • Laguna Meadow Trail - Blue Creek Trail junction | 12 th , 3 pm |
| • Laguna Meadow near latrine | 12 th , 3:05 pm |
| • Tracks seen on Lost Mine Trail between markers #2-4 | 20 th , am |
| • Basin Road between mile 5-6 | 20 th , 10:30 am |
| • Window Trail in first dry creekbed crossing | 23 rd , 9:20 am |
| • Window Trail | 23 rd , 4:30 pm |
| • Laguna Meadow Trail - above Blue Creek Fire sign | 24 th , 4:30 pm |
| • On road 2 miles west of Panther Junction | 29 th , 8:30 pm |

Mountain Lions

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| • Near Boot Cabin; | 3 rd , 8:50 am |
| • Window Trail near the Oak Spring Trail junction | 7 th , 1 pm |
| • Between stone cottages #103-104 | 13 th , 2:10 pm |
| • Stone Cottage #102 | 13 th , 4:05 pm |
| • 3 lions near campsite NE4 on Northeast Rim | 22 nd , 8 pm |
| • Just west of Basin Road junction with main park road | 26 th , late night |



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September 2005

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- Near campsite NE3 3rd, 1 pm
- Basin Road near mile 3 15th, 9:45 pm

Mountain Lions

- Window Trail near the end 2nd, 10 am
- At campsite TM1 3rd, 6 pm
- On side of the road near Sam Nail Ranch 4th, 8:22 pm
- Basin Road, mile 2 12th, 10:25 am
- Between west entrance and Santa Elena jct. 15th, 8:30 pm
- On road 1 mile east of Panther Junction 24th, 7:25 pm
- Paint Gap 2 campsite 25th, 11 am
- Lost Mine Trail between markers 18-19 26th, 9:45 am



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October 2005

Black Bears

- Basin Road 12th, 8:45 am
- Near the Boot Cabin 17th, afternoon

Mountain Lions

- Southeast Rim #3 campsite 12th, 7:30 pm
- On road three miles west of Panther Junction 16th, 8:15 am
- Near Lodge Unit #114 18th, 6:40 pm
- Grapevine Hills Trail 26th, 10:00 am
- Laguna Meadow #1 27th, 7:20 pm



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November 2005

Black Bears

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|--|---------------|
| • Cub on Basin Road | 1st, 4:45 pm |
| • Basin Road between miles 3 – 5 | 2nd, 2 pm |
| • Basin Road near Bear & Lion sign (mile 2) | 5th, 6 pm |
| • Basin Road just below “Bear Country” sign (mi 2) | 6th, 11:30 am |
| • On main road, 6 miles west of Panther Junction | 14th, 9:50 am |
| • Basin Road near mile 3 | 14th, 9 pm |
| • On hillside opposite Basin Campground | 15th, 5:30 pm |
| • 2 bears on scree slope between upper Juniper CnynTrail and Northeast Rim | 24th, 4-5 pm |
| • Laguna Meadow Trail, 3-4 miles up | 25th, noonish |
| • Boot Canyon, 1/3 mile S of Emory Peak Trail jct | 27th, 3:30 pm |
| • Pine Canyon Trail near creekbed | 30th, 2:55 pm |

Mountain Lions

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|---|----------------|
| • 2 on main road, 15 ½ miles west of Panther Jct | 5th, 9:40 am |
| • In front of stone cottages #106-109 | 6th, 5:50 pm |
| • La Clocha #2 campsite | 11th, 10 pm |
| • Boot Canyon Trail near Juniper Cnyn Trail junction | 12th, 12:30 pm |
| • Colima Trail, 100 feet from Laguna Meadow Trail | 12th, 1 pm |
| • On main road ¼ mile west of Paint Gap Rd | 18th, 7:16 pm |
| • On main road 4 miles west of Panther Junction | 21st, 7:30 pm |
| • On main road 1 mile west of Panther Junction | 21st, 8:30 pm |
| • Possible small mountain lion at Daniels Ranch | 22nd, 7:45 am |
| • Elephant Tusk | 22nd, noon |
| • Pine Canyon Trail | 22nd, 3 pm |
| • On main road ½ mile west of Panther Junction | 22nd, 3:30 pm |
| • Possible mountain lion at Daniels Ranch | 23rd, 9:40 am |
| • On road near Persimmon Gap | 23rd, 10 am |
| • Boulder Meadow #3 campsite | 24th, 8:47 am |
| • Pinnacles campsites #1,2, and 3 | 24th, 9:30 am |
| • On road 15 miles north of Panther Junction | 24th, 10 am |
| • Juniper Canyon Trail, 1 mile above Upper Juniper Spring | 24th, dusk |

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December 2005

Black Bears

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|--|---------------|
| • At entrance of Pine Canyon | 9th, 12:30 pm |
| • Basin Road, mile 3 | 11th, 7:30 pm |
| • On road about 4 miles west of Panther Junction | 14th, 5 pm |

Mountain Lions

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| • Between Toll Mtn and Boot Canyon campsites | 2nd, 1:30 pm |
| • Old Ore Rd, 19.5 miles south of Dagger Flat Rd | 9th, noon |
| • On road near Panther Junction | 15th, noon |
| • Crossing River Road between Fresno and Solis | 19th, 7 pm |
| • Near road about 4 miles west of Panther Junction | 19th, 10 pm |
| • On main road near Grapevine Hills Rd jct | 25th, 5 pm |
| • On main road 10 miles west of Panther Jct | 25th, 9:30 am |
| • West of Croton Spring | 29th, 12:58 pm |